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For: STANDING ORDER DATABASE  
SEARCH SYSTEM AND METHOD  
FOR INTERNET APPLICATION

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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office notice of August 12, 1974, (926 O.G. 1), and 37 CFR 1.56, the undersigned attorney for the applicant advises the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the reference known to him and to applicant as set forth in PTO Form 1449 attached hereto and made a part hereof.

The one document submitted was prepared by the National Library of Medicine and is a selective bibliography prepared by them. Certain portions of the first, third, and fourth pages of this document have been highlighted to show why this document was prepared and that it includes 448 references to publications, organizations, and electronic sources that address methods for preserving the confidentiality and security of electronic health data.

None of the 448 cited references has been reviewed by undersigned counsel or any other attorney acting on this application in any manner.

The inventor made a keyword search of the list of references for the words "consent", "internet", and "intranet" alone, or in combination, and the phrase "informed consent" alone or in combination with "internet" and "intranet" and found no references that were deemed

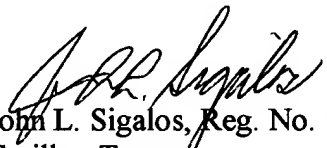
relevant to the examination of the instant application. Naturally, a detailed review of each and every citation would be necessary to determine if any relevant reference is in this compilation of references. This was not done by the inventor, undersigned counsel or any other attorney acting on this application.

Thus, this one document is submitted since it clearly contains information directed to confidentiality of electronic health data and methods for protecting personally identifiable information. As such, it is submitted to the Examiner for review.

However, neither applicant nor his attorneys, for the reasons set forth above, represent <sup>is</sup> that any particular citation(s) of the 448 citations in the document <sup>is</sup> (are) material to the patentability of the invention claimed in the subject application.

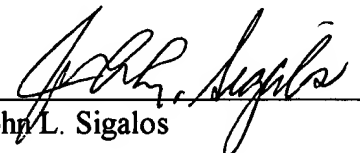
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